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Baker-Polito Administration Extends Hours at DCR Pools, Beaches, Waterfronts During Upcoming Heat, Humidity Wave

Cambridge- July 29, 2015- With the forecast of potential 90 degree weather expected throughout the remainder of the week, today, Governor Charlie Baker joined Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) Secretary Matthew Beaton and Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) Commissioner Carol Sanchez to announce that hours of operations at many of the state's pools, beaches, and waterfronts will be extended to 7:30 PM from Friday, July 31, 2015 through Sunday, August 2, 2015. The additional hours at state swimming facilities will provide children and families opportunities to stay cool and safe during the upcoming forecast.

"During the summer season, the state's pools, beaches, and waterfronts remain an incredibly popular destination for families and their children to visit," **said Governor Charlie Baker.** "It is extremely important that people seek out measures to combat the heat for their safety and wellbeing this week, with the Commonwealth's swimming facilities offering a great opportunity to do just that."

Working with EEA and DCR, Governor Baker and Lieutenant Governor Polito have authorized the extended hours of operations at 58 beaches, deep water pools, wading pools, and spray decks throughout the Commonwealth.

"With high temperatures expected throughout Massachusetts, I urge the public to take advantage of our beautiful state beaches and swimming facilities to stay cool," **said Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito.** "By extending the hours of operations at many of our public swimming locations, we continue to demonstrate our commitment to increasing and improving access to state resources."

Extreme heat can have dangerous consequences if proper precautions are not taken. Most heat disorders, such as heat cramps, heat exhaustion, and heat stroke are due to dehydration and overexposure to the sun and heat. It is extremely important for people to stay safe during the heat and humidity wave this week. State officials also urge people to check in on family, friends, and neighbors, especially the elderly, those who live alone, or those without air conditioning.

"By instituting extended swimming hours and access to the Commonwealth's beaches and pools when needed most, we are able to take a proactive approach to the impending heat for families to enjoy and be safe over the weekend." **said EEA Secretary Matthew Beaton**

Earlier this summer the Baker-Polito Administration had [previously extended the hours of select urban pools and athletic complexes](#) throughout the state during the summer season to provide youth with increased access to positive recreational activities while children are out of school this summer. This builds on that initiative to ensure children and their families have a safe, fun place to cool off and combat the heat.

"Allowing greater access for families and their children during this upcoming weekend demonstrates the dedication the Baker-Polito Administration continues to exhibit to our local communities," **said DCR Commissioner Carol Sanchez.** "Combined with DCR's extended summer programming, announced earlier this summer by Governor Baker, families across the state will have unparalleled access to recreational opportunities this weekend at state beaches, pools, and parks."

The following beaches and pools will be open and guarded until 7:30 p.m. from Friday, July 31, 2015 to Sunday, August 2, 2015:

Beaches

Robinson Beach – Agawam
South Boston Beaches – Boston
Chicopee State Park Beach – Chicopee
Walden Pond Beaches – Concord
Wallum Lake - Douglas
Dunn Pond Beach – Gardner
Hopkinton State Park Beaches – Hopkinton
Nantasket Beach – Hull
Crow Hill Pond Beach – Leominster
Houghton’s Pond – Milton
Nahant Beach – Nahant
Cochituate State Park Beach – Natick
College Pond – Plymouth
Revere Beach – Revere
Whitehall Pond – Rutland
Salisbury Beach Reservation Beaches – Salisbury
John A. Pierce Lake – Saugus
Lake Wyola Beach - Shutesbury
Kingsley Beach – Westfield
Horseneck Beach – Westport
Shannon Beach – Winchester
Regatta Point Beach – Worcester
Lake Park – Worcester

Pools and Spray Decks

Gerald J. Mason Pool – Agawam
Beaver Brook Spray Deck – Belmont
Alfond Spray Deck – Boston
Mission Hill Spray Deck – Boston
Reilly Memorial Pool – Brighton
Artesani Wading Pool & Spray Deck – Brighton
North Point Spray Deck – Cambridge
McCrehan Memorial Pool – Cambridge
Veterans Memorial Pool – Cambridge
Vietnam Veterans Pool – Chelsea
Sherman Memorial Pool – Chicopee
Philip Weihn Pool – Clinton
Neponset Spray Deck – Dorchester
Allied Veterans Memorial Pool – Everett
Veteran’s Memorial Pool – Fall River
Johnson Memorial Pool – Fitchburg
Freetown Wading Pool & Spray Deck - Freetown
Olsen Spray Deck – Hyde Park
Moynihan Spray Deck – Hyde Park
Olsen Swimming Pool – Hyde Park
Johnson Spray Deck –Jamaica Plain
Higgins Pool – Lawrence
Lord Memorial Pool – Lowell

Holland Memorial Pool – Malden
Ryan Wading Pool – Mattapan
Lloyd Memorial Pool – Melrose
Cass Memorial Pool – Roxbury
Latta Brothers Memorial Pool – Somerville
Thomas Memorial Swimming Pool – Springfield
Bradley Palmer Wading Pool – Topsfield
Connors Memorial Pool – Waltham
Dealtry Memorial Pool – Watertown
Shine Memorial Pool – Worcester

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